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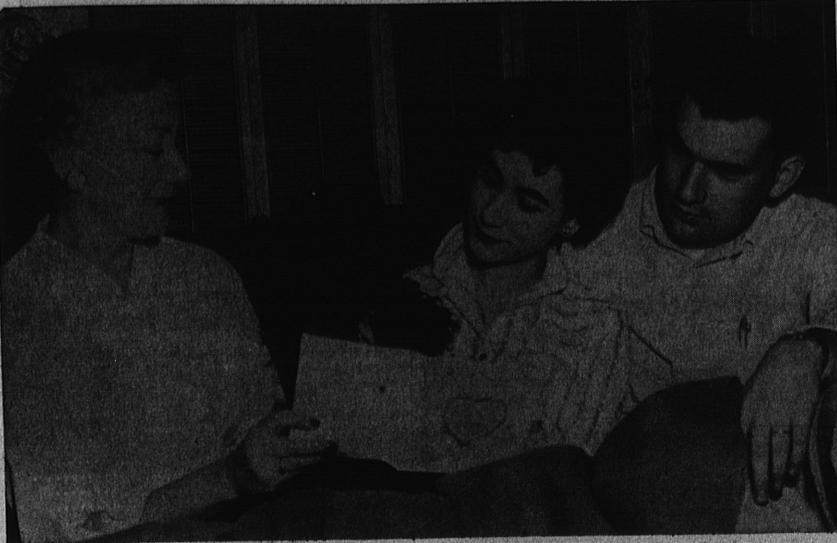
DINING OUT

Among the dinner guests recently at the Plush Horse in Hollywood Riviera were Mr. and Mrs. Byron Wilson of Rolling Hills, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Woodward of Lawndale, Mr. and Mrs. Monte Richard of Rolling Hills, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hildon of Palos Verdes, Mr. and Mrs. Armand A. Normandin of Palos Verdes, and Mrs. Ida Levering of Torrance.

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CUPID OVERSEES . . . the festivities at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Figgins, 1341 Opal St., as they welcome home their son, Gerald Kelvin Figgins, and his bride, the former Collette Pagel of Toul, France. The couple was married in Toul last July. They arrived in New York on Feb. 4 and crossed the continent in their Volkswagen, arriving here last Monday. Center of attraction, of course, is their French poodle, Fan Fan la Tulip, who made the

trip from France by Scandinavian Airlines, arriving two weeks ago at International Airport. This was the first Valentine's Day for the bride and for Fan Fan and neighbors and friends showered them with traditional greetings. A reception is being planned for the couple. Mr. Figgins was discharged from the service in New York, having been in France for 19 months with the Engineer Corps.

Gerald K. Figgins and French Bride Welcomed To Torrance

"And frame love ditties passing rare, and sing them to a lady fair." Scott's quotation defines the reception given this week to Mrs. Gerald Kelvin Figgins of France, who with her husband arrived last Monday at the home of Mr. Figgins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth D. Figgins, 3141 Opal St. It was her first Valentine's Day, since this day is not observed in her native France, and friends of the Figgins family took advantage of the day to express their welcome to the United States. Arriving first was a huge heart of carnations, a gift from Mrs. Herman Mitchell, long time friend of the Figgins; next was a large heart-shaped cake from another neighbor, and last but not least, a heart Valentine from a four-year-old in the neighborhood to Fan Fan la Tulip, the couple's French poodle.

Mr. and Mrs. Figgins were married in Toul, France, on July 6, 1956. She is the former Collette Pagel of Toul. Mr. Figgins was serving a 19-month tour of duty with the 52nd Engineer Corps, stationed near Toul. He is a Torrance High School graduate, later attending Redlands University and UCLA. He entered the service on Aug. 12, 1954.

The couple sailed from Bremerhaven, Germany, on the USNS Rose, arriving in New York on Feb. 4, from where they called the senior Mrs. Figgins on her birthday. Following his discharge from the service, the couple drove from New York to Torrance in their Volkswagen.

Two weeks before, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Figgins had gone to the airport to receive Fan Fan la Tulip, the French poodle, who arrived by Scandinavian Airlines across the North Pole from France. She was on hand here to welcome her owners.

Mrs. Figgins is displaying her gift from her daughter-in-law, an antique bed warmer, which had belonged to Collette's great-grandmother in France. Mr. Figgins received a bottle of 75-year-old cognac and a history of Scottish clans. Receiving much admiration is the array of beautiful embroidered bed linens made for the bride by the elderly ladies in the little French village where her family has resided for many years.

The new Mrs. Figgins is delighted with the friendliness and the hospitality of the American people and was fascinated with the Indians in New Mexico.

They especially enjoyed their reunion with Mr. and Mrs. Gene Collins of Garden Grove, friends whom they

knew in Toul before they were married.

Mr. Figgins plans to resume his education at UCLA. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Figgins are planning a reception in the near future to honor their son and his bride.

WICKS Are at Houseparty

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mosley and Mrs. Harry Campbell accompanied a number of girls from the Junior and Senior WICKS of the First Christian Church to a houseparty at the Lochleven Lodge near Redlands this week end.

Girls from the Junior WICKS making the trip were Linda Rowe, Dorothy Bull, Barbara Campbell, Jo Beth Jackson, Willie Rijke. Seniors are Carolyn Campbell, Peggy Neely, Marsha Hunt, Janice Jackson, and Elizabeth Goad.

Showers for Bride-Elect

Miss Marilyn Poeske, bride-elect of Lawrence Decker, was honored at a personal shower given by Mrs. Joyce Hughes at her home, 1853 W. 209th St., on Feb. 7.

Gifts for the bride-elect were placed under a blue and white decorated umbrella. Games were played after which the honoree opened her gifts. The hostess then served refreshments in which the blue and white party colors were used.

Attending the shower were: Mmes. Cecelia Decker, Sharilyn Decker, A. Dougherty, Lawrence Poeske, Sarah Kipper, Mary Lou Paulk, Cecelia Dougherty, Edna Jones, Evelyn Mullins, Luella Luthringer, Kay Shelton, Cecelia Vincent, J. Argenta, Kitty Dougherty, T. Whitcomb.

Others were Mmes. Kitty Hummel, Isabel Decker, Joan Cagle, Marie Barnum, Pat Kipper, and Misses Carolyn Poeske, Linda and Carol Barnum.

Friday evening the Decker family entertained for the bride and next Friday evening after rehearsal the bride-elect's parents will entertain the bridal party.

TORRETTES NAME NEW OFFICERS

Torrettes Y-Teen group elected new officers for the current semester at their meeting on Feb. 7.

Elected were Donna Isbell, president; Charlene Baker, vice president; Jackie Brand, secretary; Sue Babcock, treasurer; Marilyn Voorhees, sergeant-at-arms; Ginger Hayden, historian; Esther Von Wagner, chaplain. Officers were installed at a meeting at the home of Mrs. Bergen.

Those sponsoring Junior Torrettes are Donna Isbell, Jackie Brand, and Marilyn Linscott.

It's Y Camp Time . . . Register Now

It was a balmy, early spring morning and their thoughts turned to camping, when a campers' reunion for girls between 11 and 17 years of age was held at the YWCA.

The affair took place last Saturday morning directed by Miss Edith Simpelaar, teen Y director. The girls, many of whom had been in camp together and many who were hoping for a trip to Camp Tahquitz Meadows next summer were on hand.

The familiar camp songs were sung and a movie of the camp and its activities was shown.

The girls also brought along snapshots made during the camping days and many happy events were recalled.

It was at this meeting that registration for the 1957 YWCA camp was initially opened. It was also announced that March 15 would be the deadline for registration of local girls.

After the meeting, refreshments were served by Miss Simpelaar assisted by Miss Marilyn Jensen.

Earl Robinettes Announce Roberta's Marriage Jan. 27

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Robinette, 3543 Palos Verdes Dr. North, Rolling Hills, have announced the marriage of their daughter, Roberta Jean, to Victor Robert Latorre of Long Island, N. Y., and Tucson, Ariz.

The couple was married in Lordsburg, N. M., on Jan. 27.

The bride was graduated from Redondo High School. She is now a senior at the University of Arizona and is affiliated with Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

The bridegroom attended the University of Arizona, receiving his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in 1955 and his master's degree last year. He is now an instructor and research worker at the university.

Mr. and Mrs. Latorre are at home at 2627 E. Grant Road, Tucson.

May 17-19 Dates of Annual Garden Club Flower Show

The dates for the annual flower show sponsored by the Torrance Terrace Garden Club have been released as May 17, 18, and 19. The event, which attracts flower lovers from the entire area, will be held again at the Torrance Civic Auditorium.

Plans for the show were discussed at a meeting of the club Wednesday at the home of Mrs. P. H. Lisman, 1503 Post Ave. Also during the business meeting conducted by the president, Mrs. A. C. Turner, a trip to the arboretum in Arcadia was planned.

Luncheon was enjoyed before the meeting, and door prizes were won by Mrs. Victor Benstead and Mrs. Turner.

Soroptimists Hear Legal Tips From Woman Attorney

Elsie M. Farris, past president of Long Beach Soroptimist International Club, world traveler and attorney, enlightened the members of the Torrance Garden Club on a number of legal aspects at their meeting last Monday at the Palms.

Among the sound admonitions given were: Be very careful in taking title to real estate as joint tenants as in many cases this is not for the best interest of those concerned; carry adequate automobile liability insurance; in making a loan to friends or relatives always take a note or have proof of the transaction.

The speaker also advised all to make or have made, a will which should be checked every two years for necessary changes; and she also advised members to homestead their homes, whether single or married.

Miss Farris, who was presented by Frances Dimitri, program chairman, pointed out that in the United States women are represented in all jobs and professions; they buy 90 per cent of everything sold; and hold 60 per cent of all real estate and 50 per cent of all stocks and debentures.

President Margaret Neff introduced Audrey MacNeill, president of the Palos Verdes-Redondo Club, who spoke on her club's project.

On Jan. 28, at a pot luck dinner of the local club, a scholarship was given to Miss Lyla Louise Shelhamer, El Camino College student.

More Helpers Assist with Blood Bank

Volunteers of Torrance Branch, American National Red Cross, ably assisted Mrs. Gordon Jones, Blood Program chairman, at the Civic Auditorium on Feb. 11. Many new women volunteers have been added at each blood bank, said Mrs. Jones, which proves that more women of Torrance are becoming more interested in the volunteer work with this organization. Besides Co-Chairmen Mrs. William Cachran and Mrs. David McMullan, women of Torrance-Lomita assisting were Mmes. Bea Dekin, Velma Frederick, Edna Sharon, Jackie Collins, Nancy McNeil, Doris Hamilton, A. Livesey, Alma Walton, Peg Thomas, Dorothy Rogers, Elva McMullen, Faye Leamon, Doris Hayton, Millie West, Virginia Stoddard, Esther Miller, Aned Miles, Elsie Pyne, and Margaret Anderson.

Woman's Club To Hear Talk on Great Music, Composers Wednesday

"Here Comes Beethoven!" will be the subject when John E. Baird, special consultant to the Southern California Gas Co. appears on Feb. 20 at 2 p.m. before the Torrance Woman's Club at the clubhouse, 1422 Engracia.

Baird, widely known in local musical circles, will discuss programs to be heard soon on the gas company's Evening Concert radio program. On the Evening Concert, popular classical and semi-classical music can be heard every night except Sunday, from 8 to 10 p.m. over radio station KFAC. The program is now in its 17th year.

For his talk before the Woman's Club, Baird will tell humorous and amusing anecdotes about the great composers and artists, many of whom he has known personally, and will point out some of the salient characteristics of the best in classical music which will be heard on the Evening Concert.

Baird is well known for his ability to flavor his talks with wit and humor in such a way as to make them enjoyable as well as informative.

A member of the five-man board of Municipal Arts Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles, Baird has also been for many years either a director or vice president of the Opera Guild of Southern California.



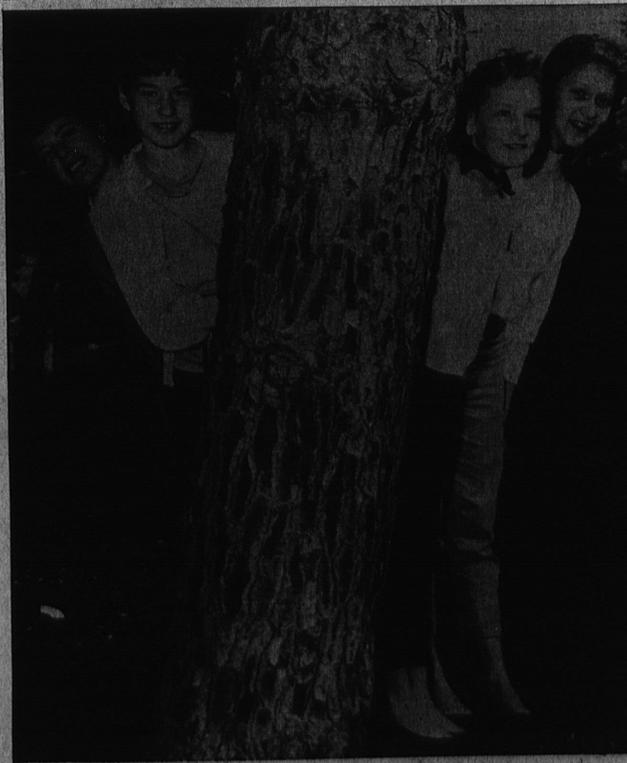
JOHN E. BAIRD
 To Speak Here

Lepore-Scheibler Nuptials Planned for Late Summer

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Lepore, of Woodland Hills, are this week announcing the engagement of their daughter, Shirley Jean, to Clarence Theodore Scheibler, son of Mrs. Helen Hutslar, 2211 Sepulveda Blvd., Torrance.

A late summer or early fall wedding is being planned. The bride-elect was graduated from Canoga Park High School in the 1956 winter class.

Mr. Scheibler was graduated from UCLA in 1955. He is now research engineer at Rocketdyne in San Fernando Valley.



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THE BIG, BEAUTIFUL OUTDOORS . . . sent an early call to the YWCA girls who gathered for a reunion at the Y last Saturday morning. Camping days were recalled with movies, snapshots and camp songs. Registration for the 1957 Y camp was opened and the deadline is March 15. On the lawn, pecking around the trip, are Y campers from left, Gloria Munoz, Patricia Albright, Judy Partsch, and Barbara Partsch.



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IT'S A SERIOUS GAME . . . but Torrance clubwomen add a bit of fun in this gag shot as they tee off for their regular Tuesday morning golfing at the Alondra course. What form Mrs. Herman (Helen) Mitchell, past president, displays as she takes a full swing at the ball. "And how could she miss?" says Mrs. M. A. (Jessie) Bauman, left, as she points to the ball still on the tee. In the center, Mrs. L. A. (Bonnie) McCoy, club president, looks on. Other members of the golf section of the Torrance Woman's Club are Mmes. W. C. Boswell, W. O. Clausing, William Crocker, S. J. Dunhouse, J. A. Eisenbrandt, F. G. Fittin, F. P. Foley, R. J. Prout, D. J. Quinliven, E. L. Snodgrass, and R. J. Manning.